

APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/659,617

PATENT

### REMARKS

In the final Office action of April 6, 2006, claims 1-11 were pending, with claims 1-6 and 11 having been allowed, claims 7-9 having been rejected, and claim 10 having been objected to. This Amendment After Final cancels claims 7-8, rewrites claim 10 as an independent claim, and rewrites claim 9 to be dependent from claim 10, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance.

#### *Explanation of the Amendments*

Rejected claims 7-8 have been canceled without prejudice to their being reintroduced in a continuing application. Rejected claim 9 has been rewritten to be dependent from amended claim 10.

The examiner objected to claim 10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 10 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 7 and intervening claim 8, as required by the examiner.


#### *Conclusion*

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and the timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact the undersigned at (952) 253-4135.

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